

Application No.: 10/801,523
Amendment and Response to Office Action dated March 9, 2006

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as originally filed by replacing the paragraph beginning on page ⁵6, line ³⁰17, with the following paragraph:

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The secondary male locks 70A-E are formed as an extension of outer flap 12 to which they are attached by necks 75A-C. In the illustrated embodiment, the secondary male locks 70A-E each include a fold line 71A-C. Secondary female openings 74A-C are formed in inner flap 26 by secondary cut lines 76A-C and fold lines 84A-C which are generally parallel to the terminal edge 88 of the inner flap 26. Extension cuts 80A-F of secondary cut line 76A-E are provided to allow the shoulders 72A-F of the secondary male locks 70A-C to pass through the inner flap 26 in the locking operation into the locked position against locking ledges which are illustrated in FIG. 5A by numerals 87E-F. These locking ledges 87A-F are adjacent the extension cuts 80A-F on the side of the cut remote from the terminal edge 88 of inner flap 26. Terminal cuts 82A-F may be provided at the end of each extension cut 80A-F to prevent the cut from tearing into the inner flap 26 under the stress imposed by the shoulders 72A-F of the secondary male locks 70A-C when they are inserted through the extension cuts 80A-F during locking.

Please amend the specification as originally filed by replacing the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 32, with the following paragraph:

Heel apertures 156A-F may be provided where the heel of the bottle can be nested to assist in holding the bottles in the carrier and the carrier being tightly wrapped around the group of bottles. Using heel aperture 156A as an example, twin doors 158A-B are provided which are separated by cut 162 and are foldably attached to the blank 110 at longitudinal fold lines 160A, 160B. Expansion slits 164 are provided so the heel of the bottle can nest tightly in a heel aperture 156A without tearing the carrier.